

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 415

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate John P. Freeman Optional School upon being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, John P. Freeman Optional School in Memphis is one such exemplary institution, which was recently recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon School program honors only those public and private schools that demonstrate exceptional academic achievement as "Exemplary High Performing" or that make great advances in closing subgroup achievement gaps as "Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing" award winners; and

WHEREAS, recognized for this prestigious honor as an Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing school, John P. Freeman Optional School is one of only a select number of schools in the nation selected to receive this coveted award, which places it among the top schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Principal Randi Scott Howard and the administration, faculty, and staff of John P. Freeman Optional School have built an environment at their school that ensures students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, their school's selection as a National Blue Ribbon School is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the John P. Freeman Optional School community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with John P. Freeman Optional School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate John P. Freeman Optional School on its being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious award, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.